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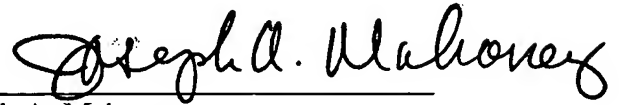
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 13, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Therefore, this response is timely filed if filed on or before March 13, 2005, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.10. However, Applicants are filing their response within two (2) months of the mailing date of the Office Action in order to obtain an advisory opinion from the Examiner. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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